

**USDA Joint Agricultural Research Service (ARS)-National Institute of Food  
and Agriculture (NIFA) Animal Health Research Planning Workshop  
Agenda**

**Venue:** Marriott Baltimore/Washington Int'l Airport Hotel: 410-859-8300, 1743 West Nursery Road, Baltimore, MD, 21090

**Date:** March 23-24, 2010

**Goal of Workshop:** Develop a coordinated action plan for USDA's animal health research programs driven by industry, stakeholders, and scientists.

**Objectives of Workshop:** To discuss, prioritize, and develop strategies to accomplish the research needs of principle stakeholders of ARS and NIFA.

**Agenda**

**Tuesday March 23, 2010**

8:00-8:30 Introduction to workshop goals and objectives – Dr. Eileen Thacker, ARS, and Dr. Peter Johnson, NIFA

8:30-9:00 Dr. Mollie Jahn, Acting Undersecretary for Research, Education and Extension, USDA

9:00-9:30 Dr. R.N. Beachy, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and USDA Chief Scientist

**Plenary Session**

9:30-10:15 The Importance of Animal Health Research – Drs. Mike Apley and James McKean

10:15-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 Introduction to ARS and NIFA

Dr. Steve Kappes, Deputy Administrator, Animal Production and Protection, USDA-ARS

Dr Meryl Broussard, Deputy Administrator, Plant and Animal Systems, and Interim Deputy Director, NIFA

## **Review of research priorities from Animal Health Stakeholders**

11:15 [Pork Industry – Paul Sundberg](#)

11:30 [Beef Industry – Chuck Massengill](#)

### **11:45-1:30 Lunch**

1:30 [Dairy/Milk Industry – John Baker](#)

1:45 [Sheep/Goats Industries – Paul Plummer](#)

2:00 [Specialty Farmed Species- Don Davis](#)

2:15 [Horses - Nathaniel A. White](#)

2:30 [Poultry Industry: Broiler/Meat – Bruce Stewart-Brown](#)

2:45 [Poultry Industry: Layers/Breeders – Eric Gingerich](#)

3:00 [Turkey Industry: Steve Olsen](#)

### **3:15-3:45 Break**

## **Breakout Group Sessions**

3:45-5:30 Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Breakout Rooms</b>
Pork	Paul Sundberg	Salon G
Beef	Tom Fields	Salon H
Dairy/Milk	John Baker	Washington
Sheep	Paul Rodgers	Hospitality Room 726
Goats	Paul Plummer	Hospitality Room 826
Specialty Farmed Species	Don Davis	Maryland
Horses	Nathaniel A. White	Executive Board Room
Poultry Broiler/Meat	Bruce Stewart-Brown	Pennsylvania
Poultry Layers/Breeders	Eric Gingerich	Virginia
Turkey Industry	Steve Olsen	Salon D

Step 1: Conduct Priorities Assessment

Step 2: Determine Priority Issues

Step 3: Recommend strategic approaches and partnerships to enable the implementation of the research priorities.

**Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

8:00-9:30 Breakout groups continue

**9:30-9:45 Break**

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**12:00-1:30 Lunch**

1:30-4:00 Summary of breakout sessions and report (15 minutes – same groups as listed above.

4:00-4:30 Discussion, conclusions, next steps: Dr. Gary Sherman, NIFA, and Dr. Cyril Gay, ARS.